



PEDIGREE DYNAMICS

Made of Gold a Valuable Asset to South Australia

Last year's Champion First Crop Sire doesn't stand at a large commercial stud nor does he stand in New South Wales or Victoria. With only 31 foals to represent him in his inaugural crop, Made of Gold managed to produce 20 two-year-old runners, twelve being winners, two of those stakes winners and one stakes placed.

The stallion is Made of Gold, a son of Green Forest who stands at Milluna Stud, South Australia. Winner of the Group 2 Royal Lodge Stakes at Ascot, Made of Gold won two of his five juvenile starts and ran second at the remaining three.

This season he has also produced the Group 3 SAJC Sires Produce Stakes winner Smytzer's Rivalry and the Group 3 VRC Bloodhorse Breeders' Stakes winner Gilded Angel.

At a 1999 stud fee of \$7,500, many breeders, including those over the border in Victoria and beyond, may be scanning their paddocks for a suitable mare to be covered by Made of Gold.

From the immediate family of Capote and Exceller, Made of Gold has several interesting ancestors in his pedigree from which breeders can genetically 'springboard'.

For instance, his sire Green Forest is out of a mare by The Axe II. Not only is The Axe II a descendant of LA TROIENNE, he is also unusual in that he is a successful *son* of Mahmoud.

"Sex balancing" patterns should also prove to be a key for the continuing success of this stallion.

Pedigree observers will have noticed that Mahmoud appears much more prevalently through his famous daughters - such as the Reines de Course mares Almahmoud (ancestress of Northern Dancer, Halo, Danehill, Arctic Tern, Machiavellian etc) and Boudoir II (ancestress of His Majesty, Crowned Prince, Whiskey Road, Graustark, Secreto etc) in pedigrees. This should work in Made of Gold's favour, as 'sex balancing' by covering mares carrying daughters of Mahmoud is a great pattern for further speed enhancement.

A LA TROIENNE family member who has proven that reinforcing this line can work well with Made of Gold is **DON'T SAY HALO**, whose daughter Halo Again produced the stakes winner Gilded Angel by Made of Gold. Don't Say Halo's sire Halo is a grandson of Almahmoud - a daughter of Mahmoud.

Incidentally, LA TROIENNE also makes her presence felt in the mating of Made of Gold's stakes winning son Smytzer's Rivalry, whose dam has Nobel Bijou, a direct descendant of this prepotent mare, as her grandsire..

Another point of interest in Made of Gold's pedigree is the duplication of Mahmoud's close relation Nasrullah. Like Mahmoud in this pedigree, Nasrullah is not represented by the sex that has made him famous – in his case, his sire sons. Nasrullah appears through two daughters in Made of Gold, opening up another 'golden' opportunity for sex balanced linebreeding.

LAST TYCOON mares look very appealing with Made of Gold. Mahmoud is sex balanced by Almahmoud (this time through Northern Dancer) as is Nasrullah, who is present in Last Tycoon through his son Never Bend. LA TROIENNE family member Buckpasser reinforces The Axe II, while Sayajirao and Traffic Judge in Last Tycoon provide a strong boost to Made of Gold's second damsire, Dark Star – all tracing to the famous taproot mare, POCAHONTAS. Green Forest's second dam Filatonga is bred on a Count Fleet / Nasrullah cross, which is in reverse to Last Tycoon's famous damsire Mill Reef. This is another nice pattern for speed enhancement.

]The cream on the cake of this cross is the linebreeding to SCHIAPARELLI, who is not only fifth dam to Last Tycoon, but also third dam of Made of Gold's damsire, Roi Dagobert.

A duplication of SCHIAPARELLI is created when daughters of **ALMURTAJAZ** meet with Made of Gold. Schiaparelli appears as the dam of Masthead, sire of Almutajaz's damsire Matrice. Sex balancing of Mahmoud and Nasrullah is also created.

AGINCOURT's oldest daughters are rising four year olds and they should find a strong affinity with Made of Gold. The granddam of his sire Capote is a sister to Made of Gold's granddam. Agincourt's pedigree possesses three well known descendants of FRIZETTE – Seattle Slew, Jet Pilot and Mr. Prospector, which reinforce Made of Gold's grandsire, Shecky Greene, another family member. Agincourt's pedigree is riddled with famous sons of Nasrullah – Nashua (twice), Bold Ruler (twice) and Bald Eagle. Less obviously, he also boosts the LA TROIENNE line by providing descendants Poker and Jet Action through Seattle Slew.

The daughters of South Australian based stallion **SOUTHERN APPEAL** are another option. Out of mare by Tropical Breeze, a direct descendant of LA TROIENNE, he also provides a daughter of Sicambre to balance the son (Roi Dagobert) in Made of Gold. Southern Appeal's grandsire In Reality is inbred to War Relic, who traces to FRIAR'S CARSE. This ancestress is also third dam of Count of Honor, who appears in Made of Gold as Green Forest's second damsire.